

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A communication apparatus that retrieves contents and transmits the ~~provides~~ thus retrieved contents, comprising:

reception means for receiving a retrieval keyword, used to request contents, that ~~requests contents~~ from an external device;
retrieval means for retrieving contents from a database based on the retrieval keyword received by the reception means;

page information generation means for generating page information including list information of contents retrieved by the retrieval means, and appending information that displays whether or not the page information is provided with a consecutive reproduction function of making the external device consecutively reproduce part of contents included in the list information respectively to the page information; and

transmission means for transmitting the page information generated by the page information generation means to the external device.

2. (Currently Amended) The communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein[,,] during a period of time when respective items in the list information are selected in turn, and part of contents related to the selected items is transmitted to the external device for reproduction respectively, the page information generation means appends information displaying that the part of contents is being consecutively reproduced respectively to the page information.

3. (Currently Amended) The communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein[,,] when transmitting all items in the list information to the external device for

reproduction is completed, the page information generation means appends information displaying that the consecutive reproduction is completed to the page information.

4. (Currently Amended) The communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein[[,]] in case the page information displaying the list information of contents including those retrieved by the retrieval means is generated, the page information generation means further appends information that displays whether or not the contents are reproduced at the time of carrying out the consecutive reproduction function with respect to items of respective contents in the list information.

5. (Currently Amended) The communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein[[,]] in case the page information displaying a table of the list information is generated as the retrieval result of the retrieval means, the page information generation means appends information that displays whether or not the list information in the table is provided with the consecutive reproduction function respectively.

6. (Original) The communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the page information generation means appends identification information that indicates whether or not the page information is provided with the consecutive reproduction function to the page information, and makes the external device display a notification indication corresponding to the identification information.

7. (Currently Amended) The communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the contents are tunes, and[[,]] at the time of carrying out the consecutive

reproduction function, audio data corresponding to part of the contents is consecutively transmitted to the external device.

8. (Original) A communication method for retrieving contents and providing thus retrieved contents, comprising:

receiving a retrieval keyword that requests contents from an external device;
retrieving contents from a database based on the received retrieval keyword;
generating page information including list information of retrieved contents, and appending information that displays whether or not the page information is provided with a consecutive reproduction function of making the external device consecutively reproduce part of contents included in the list information respectively to the page information; and transmitting the generated page information to the external device.

9. (Currently Amended) ~~A communication program that makes a computer readable storage medium encoded with instructions which when executed by a computer execute the processing of cause a processor to execute a method of retrieving contents and providing thus retrieved contents, the computer executing the processing method comprising:~~

receiving a retrieval keyword that requests contents from an external device;
retrieving contents from a database based on the received retrieval keyword;
generating page information including list information of retrieved contents, and appending information that displays whether or not the page information is provided with a consecutive reproduction function of making the external device consecutively reproduce part of contents included in the list information respectively to the page information; and transmitting the generated page information to the external device.

10. (Previously Presented) A communication apparatus, comprising:

list information request information transmission means for transmitting request information requesting list information of contents to an external device;

page information reception means for receiving page information including the list information of contents and information indicating that part of respective contents included in the list information can be consecutively reproduced, which are transferred from the external device in answer to the request information requesting the list information;

output means for outputting the page information including the list information of contents and the information indicating that the consecutive reproduction is possible;

consecutive reproduction request information transmission means for transmitting request information that requests consecutively reproducing part of respective contents included in the list information to the external device; and

reproduction means for sequentially receiving and reproducing data of part of respective contents included in the list information, which is transferred from the external device in answer to the request information requesting the consecutive reproduction.

11. (Previously Presented) The communication apparatus according to claim 10, wherein the consecutive reproduction request information transmission means transmits request information requesting part of currently selected contents to the external device.

12. (Previously Presented) The communication apparatus according to claim 10, wherein the reproduction means sequentially receives and reproduces streaming data of part of respective contents included in the list information, which is transferred from the external device in answer to the request information requesting the consecutive reproduction.

13. (Previously Presented) The communication apparatus according to claim 10, further comprising retrieval keyword transmission means for transmitting a retrieval keyword that requests contents to an external device, wherein

the page information reception means receives page information including a table of list information retrieved by the retrieval keyword and information that indicates whether or not each list information in the table is provided with the consecutive reproduction function respectively, and

the output means outputs the page information including the table of list information and the information that indicates whether or not each list information in the table is provided with the consecutive reproduction function respectively.

14. (Currently Amended) The communication apparatus according to claim 10, wherein[,,] during a period of time when the data of part of respective contents is reproduced by the reproduction means, the output means outputs information indicating that the data of part of respective contents is being consecutively reproduced.

15. (Currently Amended) The communication apparatus according to claim 14, wherein[,,] when reproducing the data of part of respective contents by the reproduction means is completed, the output means outputs information indicating that the consecutive reproduction is completed.

16. (Currently Amended) The communication apparatus according to claim 15, wherein[,,] after outputting the information indicating that the consecutive reproduction is

completed for a predetermined period of time, the output means re-outputs the information indicating that the consecutive reproduction is possible.

17. (Previously Presented) A communication method, comprising:

transmitting request information requesting list information of contents to an external device;

receiving page information including the list information of contents and information indicating that part of respective contents included in the list information can be consecutively reproduced, which are transferred from the external device in answer to the request information requesting the list information;

outputting the page information including the list information of contents and the information indicating that the consecutive reproduction is possible;

transmitting request information that requests consecutively reproducing part of respective contents included in the list information to the external device; and

sequentially receiving and reproducing data of part of respective contents included in the list information, which is transferred from the external device in answer to the request information requesting the consecutive reproduction.

18. (Currently Amended) A ~~communication program that makes a computer readable storage medium encoded with instructions which when executed by a computer cause a processor to execute a method for communication processing, the computer executing the processing method comprising:~~

transmitting request information requesting list information of contents to an external device;

receiving page information including the list information of contents and information indicating that part of respective contents included in the list information can be consecutively reproduced, which are transferred from the external device in answer to the request information requesting the list information;

outputting the page information including the list information of contents and the information indicating that the consecutive reproduction is possible;

transmitting request information that requests consecutively reproducing part of respective contents included in the list information to the external device; and

sequentially receiving and reproducing data of part of respective contents included in the list information, which is transferred from the external device in answer to the request information requests the consecutive reproduction.

19. (New) A communication apparatus that retrieves contents and provides thus retrieved contents, comprising:

a reception unit configured to receive a retrieval keyword that requests contents from an external device;

a retrieval unit configured to retrieve contents from a database based on the retrieval keyword received by the reception unit;

a page information generation unit configured to generate page information including list information of contents retrieved by the retrieval unit, and appending information that displays whether or not the page information is provided with a consecutive reproduction function of making the external device consecutively reproduce part of contents included in the list information respectively to the page information; and

a transmission unit configured to transmit the page information generated by the page information generation unit to the external device.